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7. The only activity of General Gheorghe's committee seems to be the publication of the monthly newspaper, Patria (Fatherland), which is the official paper of the committee. The chairman and the few members of this committee suffer from "political fever" and have immeasurable personal ambitions. Patria is a polemical paper rather than an information publication for the Rumanian refugees. The paper's attitude is characteristic of the personal and totalitarian views of General Gheorghe, who overlooks completely his Nazi activities and attitudes of the recent past. This attitude is opposed to the views of the Rumanian National Committee in Washington, to the policies of the Bonn Government and to the views of the American occupation authorities. The paper is reportedly financed by IRO which granted the publication permit. Gheorghe's attitude and his so-called "politically independent" activities and manifestations are explained, to a certain extent, by the support which he is given by General Nicolae Radescu. Radescu encourages Gheorghe morally and supports him financially, because of the propaganda activity which Radescu wants Gheorghe to carry on for him among the Rumanian refugees in Germany. Thus Radescu sends Gheorghe so-called "documents" for publication in the Patria which tend to compromise or slander members of the Rumanian National Committee in Washington, because they had not agreed with his ideas concerning the activity of the committee.

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